

HOUSE BILL No. 1123

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-25-7.

Synopsis: Equality day for women. Requires the commission for women to designate August 26 each year as Equality Day for Women and requires the commission to request a proclamation from the governor each year designating Equality Day for Women.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.

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Second Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2002)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-25-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. (a) The commission's
- 3 duties include the following:
- 4 (1) Assessment of the needs of Indiana women and their families
- 5 and promotion of the full participation of Indiana women in all
- 6 aspects of society, including:
- 7 (A) government;
- 8 (B) the economy;
- 9 (C) employment;
- 10 (D) education;
- 11 (E) social and family development;
- 12 (F) health care;
- 13 (G) the justice system; and
- 14 (H) other aspects of society identified by the commission.
- 15 (2) Advocacy for the removal of legal and social barriers for
- 16 women.
- 17 (3) Cooperation with organizations and governmental agencies to

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combat discrimination against women.

(4) Identification and recognition of contributions made by Indiana women to their community, state, and nation.

(5) Representation of Indiana's commitment to improving the quality of life for women and their families.

(6) Consultation with state agencies regarding the effect upon women and their families of agency policies, emerging policies, procedures, practices, laws, and administrative rules.

(7) Maintenance of information concerning:

(A) organizations and governmental agencies serving women and their families; and

(B) the names, resumes, and other professional and career information about women available to serve as agency appointees.

(8) Evaluation of laws and governmental policies with respect to the needs of women and their families.

(9) Monitoring of legislation and other legal developments in order to make recommendations that support the commission's purposes to the general assembly and the governor.

(10) Action as a central clearinghouse for information concerning women and their families.

(11) Gathering, studying, and disseminating information on women and their families through publications, public hearings, conferences, and other means.

(12) Assessment of the needs of women and their families and the promotion of, development of, and assistance to other entities in providing programs and services to meet those needs.

(13) Provision of publicity concerning the purposes and activities of the commission.

(14) Service as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with serving the special needs of women.

(15) Submission of an annual report on the commission's activities to the governor and to the legislative council.

(b) The commission shall designate August 26 of each year as Equality Day for Women in Indiana to celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States under which women were granted the right to vote. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Request a proclamation from the governor each year designating August 26 as Equality Day for Women in Indiana.

(2) Provide information and other forms of educational outreach to the public about the women's suffrage movement.

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